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Kwah language

Kwah (**Kwa**), also known as **Baa** (*Bàː*[4]), is a Niger–Congo language of uncertain affiliation; the more it has been studied, the more divergent it appears. Joseph Greenberg counted it as one of the Waja–Jen languages of the Adamawa family. Boyd (1989) assigned it its own branch within Waja–Jen. Kleinewillinghöfer (1996) removed it from Waja–Jen as an independent branch of Adamawa. When Blench (2008) broke up Adamawa, Kwah became a provisional independent branch of his larger Savannas family.

Kwah	
Baa	
nyaa Báà	
Native to	Nigeria
Region	Numan LGA, Adamawa State
Native speakers	(7,000 cited 1992)[1]
Language family	Niger–Congo ▪ Atlantic–Congo ▪ Savannas ▪ (unclassified) ▪ **Kwah**
Dialects	Gyakan Kwa
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	`kwb`
Glottolog	`kwaa1262 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/kwaa1262)`[2]

Blench (2019) lists the locations of Baa as Gyakan and Kwa towns (located near Munga) in Numan LGA, Adamawa State, Nigeria. One Baa-speaking person (singular) is *raBáà* (sg.), and more than one would be *Báà* (pl.); the language is referred to by speakers as *nyaa Báà*.[3] The Baa varieties in each of the two towns differ primarily in phonology.[5]

Báà[3]	
Person	raBáà
People	Báà
Language	nyaa Báà

Baa traditional religion has two main deities, Gbandima and Kassimin.[6]

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